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TUESDAY
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It was announced early this morning that Foster Dulles was on his way to Paris to meet Mendès-France and Eden here. I went out to the airport, where he arrived at three o'clock. Janet, Carl McCardle, Doug MacArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Phleger, and Rod O'Connor accompanied him.

I brought Hellé Bonnet back to town with me. She told me in interesting detail the news behind the news of the McCarthy hearings in Washington.

Harold Callender called on me this afternoon, and afterwards I went to the Embassy residence, where Foster was having a small meeting. Most of the conversation centered on Indo-China, with a sideswipe at my problem of EDC. Foster was [redacted] firm on the subject of holding the feet of the French Government to the fire and having the treaty at last brought before the Parliament previous to its summer recess.

Tonight I went to a dinner which originally had been planned with Mendès-France as host in honor of Harold Stassen. Due to Foster's arrival, this plan was changed and Edgar and Madame Faure gave the Stassen dinner at the Louvre at 93, Rue de Rivoli. Before dinner, I talked to Edgar, who has been a somewhat determined opponent of EDC. I thought I detected a [redacted] considerable change in his attitude tonight which might even betoken his willingness to vote for the treaty.

About 11:00 o'clock Wilfrid Baumgartner and myself went off to the Café Régence for a quiet talk. He was optimistic over what might be done in the economic and financial fields in Paris if a cease-fire were obtained in Indo-China, which he insisted must be on "honorable" ~~terms. We found considerable difficulty~~ in trying to define what terms would be "honorable", since there is no question whatever the great majority of the French nation ~~would now like to terminate~~

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hostilities in the Far East on [redacted] any terms. Foster is in almost an impossible position in view of the public sentiment at home which will construe any likely deal in Indo-China as representing appeasement and constituting a new Munich.

Baumgartner has a [redacted]-penetrating and active mind, with marked literary and artistic interests. He is still dickering for the great silver gilt toilet service of the Empress Josephine which is in Swiss hands, and which he wishes to repatriate through a loan to be made to some French institution by the Bank of France.

Barbie and Herbert Agar arrived this afternoon to stay a few days with us. They went off tonight with E. to dine with Charles and Helène Gombaud.

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